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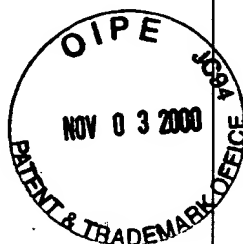
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 3, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2000 for which the 30 day date for response is November 2, 2000. It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/MOAR:100/KAM.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of the patent claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 among two inventive groups:

- I. Claims 1-18 and 36-45, drawn to particles, and

II Claims 19-35, drawn to methods of *producing* the particles of Group I.

In the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, the Examiner described Group II as drawn to methods of "viewing". Applicants believe that this is a typing mistake and are responding the Office Action based on the assumption that the Examiner intended to describe group II as directed to methods of "producing". If this assumption is incorrect, then Applicants request that the Examiner further clarify his meaning in the next Action.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to continue to prosecute Group I claims 1-18 and 36-45, drawn to particles. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the claims of Group II.

Notice of Draftspersons Patent Drawing Review

Applicants note the objection of drawings 4-12 and will submit corrected drawings upon receipt of the Notice of Allowability.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required.

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